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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: ET Docket No. 92-28
CC Docket No. 92-166

EX PARTE PRESENTATION

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 29, 1994, Jay Ramasastry, Chuck Windett, Dale Gallimore and William Wallace representing Loral Qualcomm Satellite Services, Inc. met with Cecily Holiday, Thomas Tycz, Fern Jarmulnek, Harold Ng and Julie Garcia of the Common Carrier Bureau to discuss potential MSS feeder link bands below 15 GHz as summarized in the enclosure.

Two copies of this letter and enclosure are submitted for each docket referenced above.

Respectfully submitted,

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**LQSS Presentation
to
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C-Band Feederlink Selections

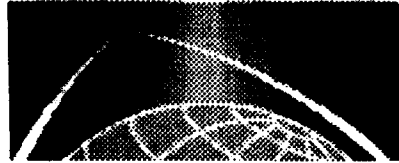
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MSS C-Band Feederlink Objectives

- **C-Band**
- **200 MHz Uplink and 200 MHz Downlink with at least 100 MHz separation**
- **Sharing with Fixed Satellite Service**
- **Sharing with Terrestrial Usage**
- **Worldwide Availability**
- **Many small gateway stations co-located with PSTN Interconnections**

Frequency Choices



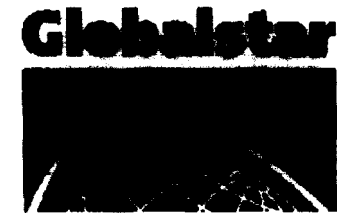
- **C-Band**

- Low propagation loss
- Small gateways
- Much use by terrestrial
- Sharing with FSS required
- More effective spectrum usage (Polarization reuse)

- **K-Band**

- High propagation loss, forces site diversity
- Multiple tracking antennas on satellite forces few gateways
- Increasing use by both satellite and terrestrial users
- Sharing with FSS required
- More bandwidth required (no polarization reuse at Ka-Band)

Prospects C - Band



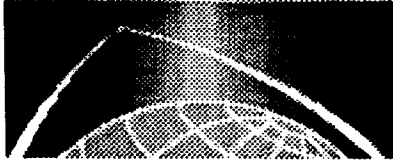
- **Sharing with C-Band FSS proved workable by Reverse-band Working (RBW)**
 - CEPT SG18 Report
 - INMARSAT/UK/France Telecom
 - WP 4A Output documents
 - TG 4/5 Input documents
- **Sharing with C-Band Terrestrial proved workable**
 - Latker simulation
 - Comsearch mainbeam coupling analysis
 - CEPT SG18 Report
- **System design can provide sharing flexibility due to beam traffic usage variation**

Prospects Ka-Band



- **Sharing of several system feederlinks has not been demonstrated**
- **MSS sharing with LMDS and FSS has not been demonstrated**
 - COMSAT Report vs. MSS NRM Report have opposite conclusion
- **New MSS user link applications**
 - (Teledesic, etc.) will make Ka-band feederlinks nearly impossible
 - Rain depolarization decreases sharing, increases bandwidth requirement
 - Reverse band working may not be practical

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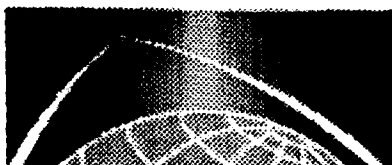


C-Band Feederlink

Downlink into Terrestrial Results

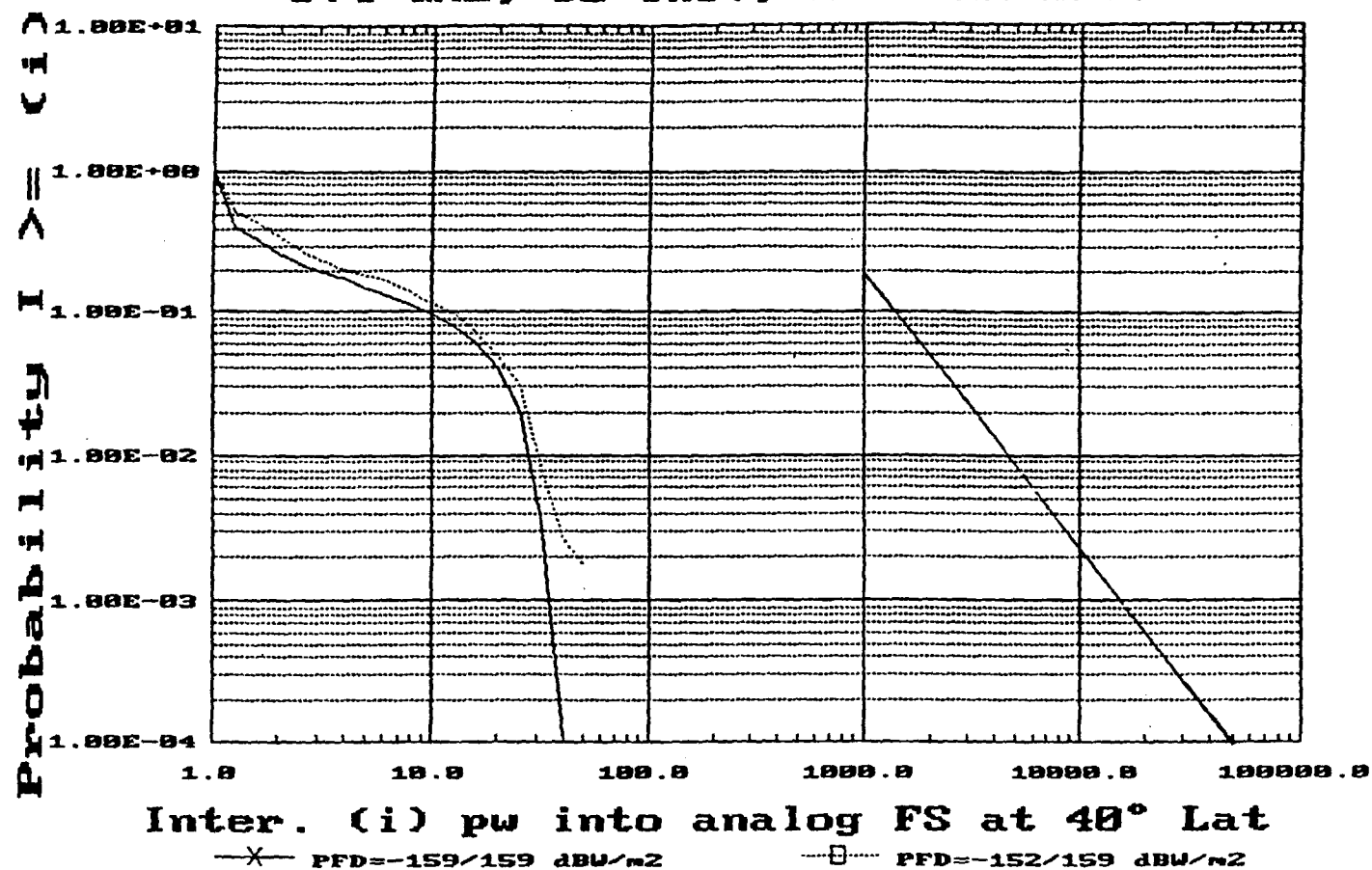
- **10 to 20 db of margin exists with respect to the specification derived from a 25 pW0p level**
- **MSS systems (e.g. Globalstar) can operate at PFD levels from 6 dB to 15 dB lower than those used in the analysis**

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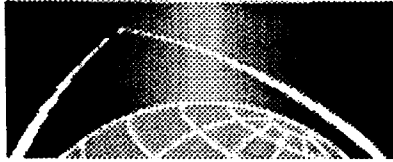


Non-Geo, 48 Satellite Network

6.4 GHz, 52° Inc., 1414 Km Alt.



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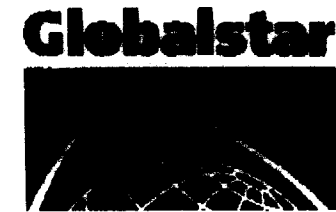
C-Band Feederlink

Downlink Analysis #2

Comsearch Analysis

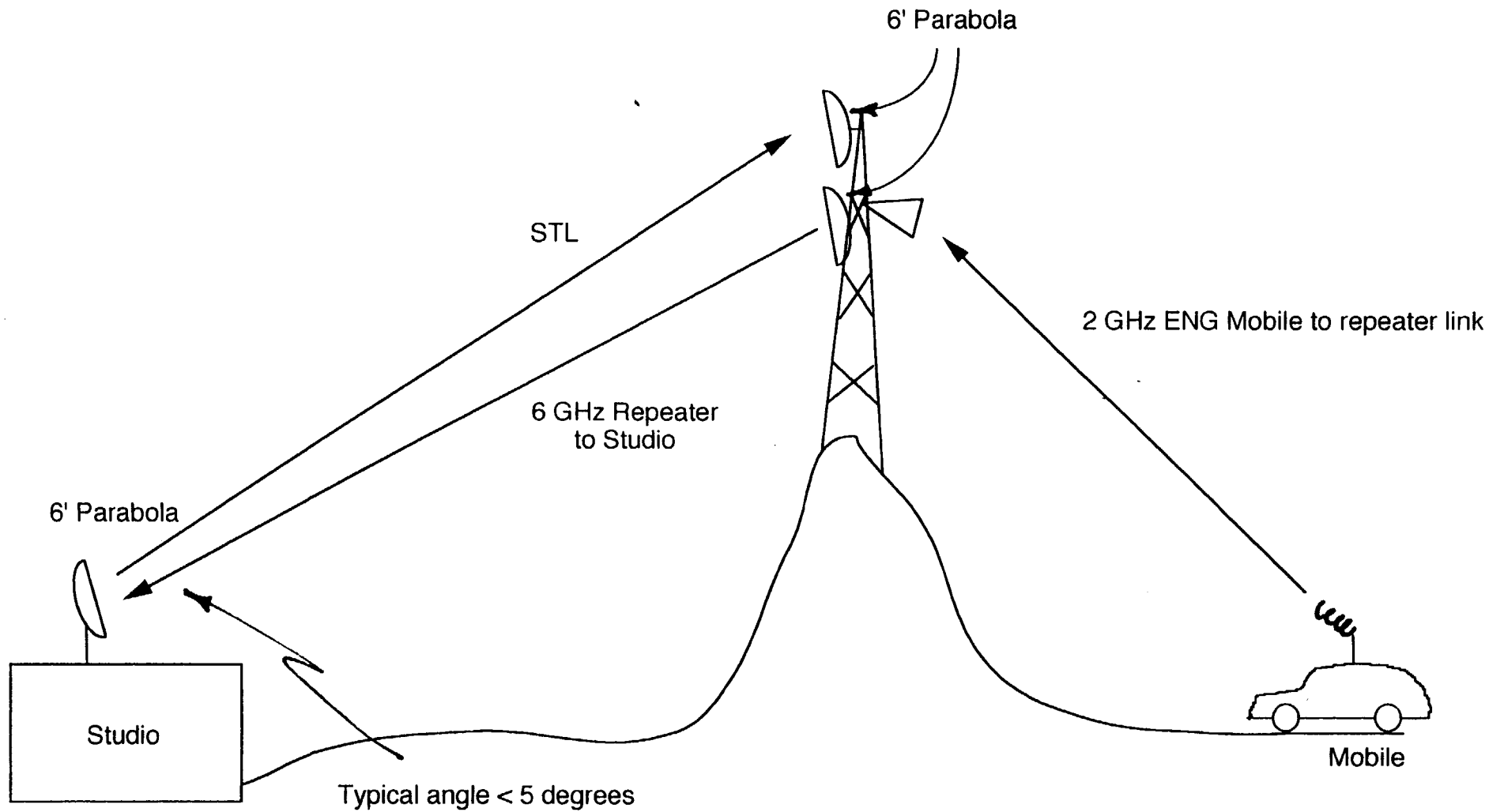
- **Considered direct main beam coupling of a MSS satellite into a fixed microwave installation**
- **Calculated typical C/I values achieved and compared them to co-channel C/I requirements**

C-Band Feederlink Downlink Analysis #2



- **Used Comsearch databases for Chicago, Washington DC, and Columbus, Ohio**
- **5925 - 6425 MHz common carrier pt-to-pt typical services:**
 - 20 - 30 MHz mix of FM video, WB digital, FDM/FM
- **6425 - 6525 MHz temporary fixed pt-to-pt restoration for services in 6525 to 6875 MHz band**
- **6525 - 6875 of pt-to-pt microwave typical services:**
 - 400 KHz - 10 MHz, FDM/FM, digital
- **6875 - 7125 MHz auxiliary broadcast typical services:**
 - Studio transmitter links (pt-to-pt) ENG repeater to studio link
 - 10 x 25 MHz video channels
 - Point-to-point installations
 - 6' parabola antennas

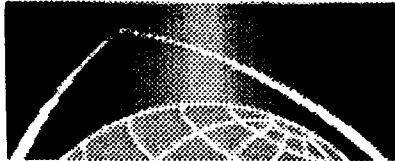
Auxiliary Broadcast Scenario



C-Band Downlink Feederlink Analysis #2 Results



C/I Requirements	C/I Achieved
Op Fixed FDM/FM 66-74 dB	• 73 dB plus, for OFS in 281 out of 284 cases; Remaining cases meet C/I specification for system
Op Fixed Digital 68-78 dB	
• Op Fixed and Aux 65 dB Video assumed (conservative)	• 65 dB plus, for Auxiliary Broadcast in 37 out of 41 cases Probability that fixed multipath fade margin is required precisely at the time a satellite is lined up with main beam coupling is near zero

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C-Band Downlink PFD Values

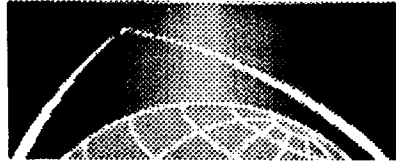
Elevation (deg)

PFD (dBW/m²/4 kHz)

0	-173.5
5	-171.5
10	-169.5
15	-168.5
20	-166.5
25	-165.5
30	-164.5
40	-164.5
50	-164.5
60	-164.5
70	-164.5
80	-164.5
90	-164.5

(The above PFD levels have over a 3 dB margin for uneven loading.
They occur only during peak loading hours after several years operation
when full capacity is reached.)

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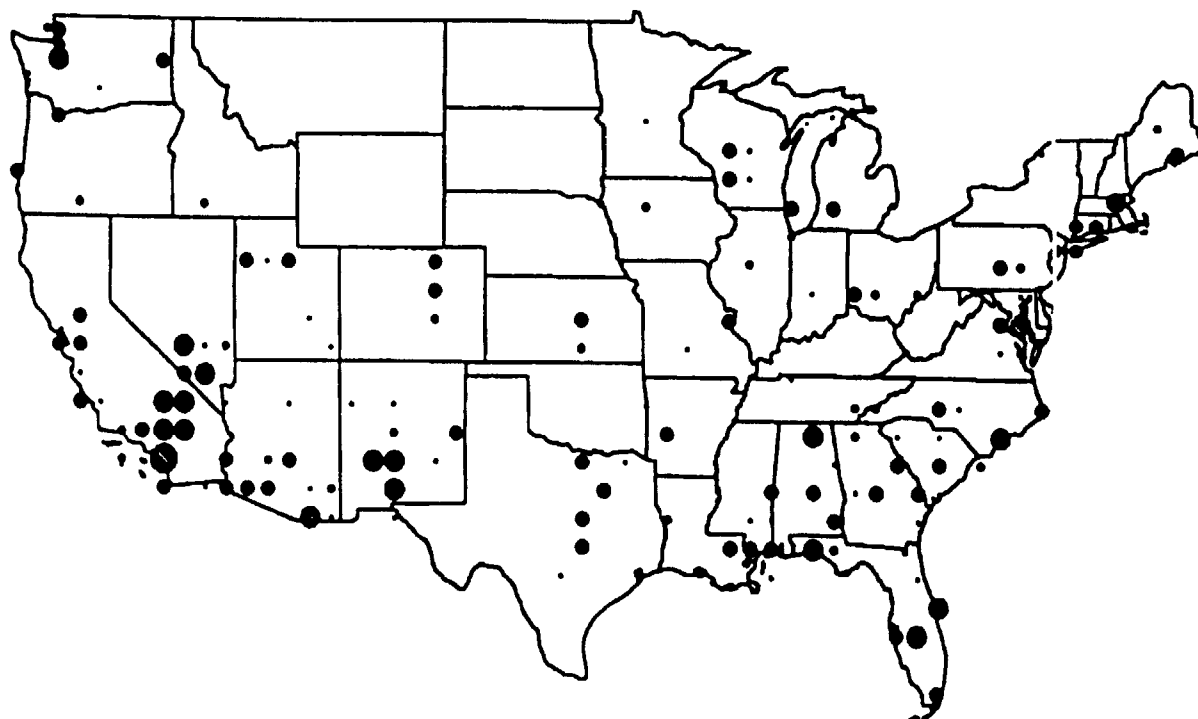
C-Band Uplink Feederlink Analysis

- **Coordination with Terrestrial**
 - Site location with respect to fixed terrestrial
 - » CEPT SG 18 Report indicates limited coordination required
 - » Gateways may be located in remote areas with easy coordination
- **Coordination with FSS**
 - RBW proposed in all cases for downlink
 - RBW proposed in FSS planned allocation band for uplink

Usage in the 4400- 4990 MHz Band (Government Services)



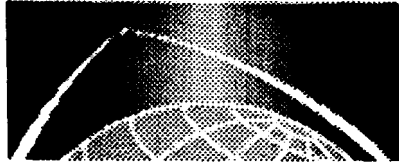
- NTIA Report May, 1993 ITS staff study titled,
"A Priliminary Look at Spectrum Requirements For the Fixed Service"



4400-4990 MHZ
Transmitters per 1 Degree Block

- 1
- 2 to 3
- 4 to 11
- 12 to 39
- 40 or More

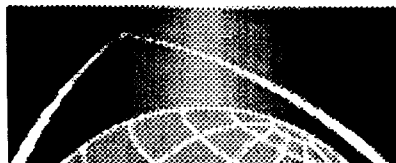
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4600-4800 MHz Band for MSS Uplink

- **Government has co-primary allocations for fixed and mobile**
- **Military uses include dual-purpose line-of-sight/troposcatter links for tactical communications**
- **These are point-to-point systems with sufficient power (greater than 1 KW) to allow troposcatter operations**
- **In addition, band is used in drone control, target scoring, and balloon-to-ground systems**
- **Average bandwidth of fixed systems is 8 MHz**

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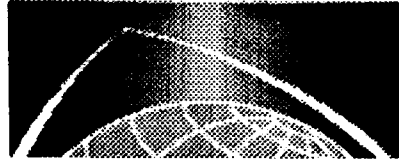


4600-4800 MHz Uplink Band (Continued)

(Usage indicated for 4400-4990 MHz Band)

- **Air Force has 886 assignments for training, remoting of tactical radar and miscellaneous activities**
- **Army has 437 assignments for training, mobile data links, and for test range uses**
- **Navy has 298 assignments for tactical training, links to RPVS, and for test evaluation**
- **As of June 1992, there were 1,738 total assignments of which 896 were fixed; 75% of the listed fixed terminals are transportable**
- **Growth is one per cent per year**

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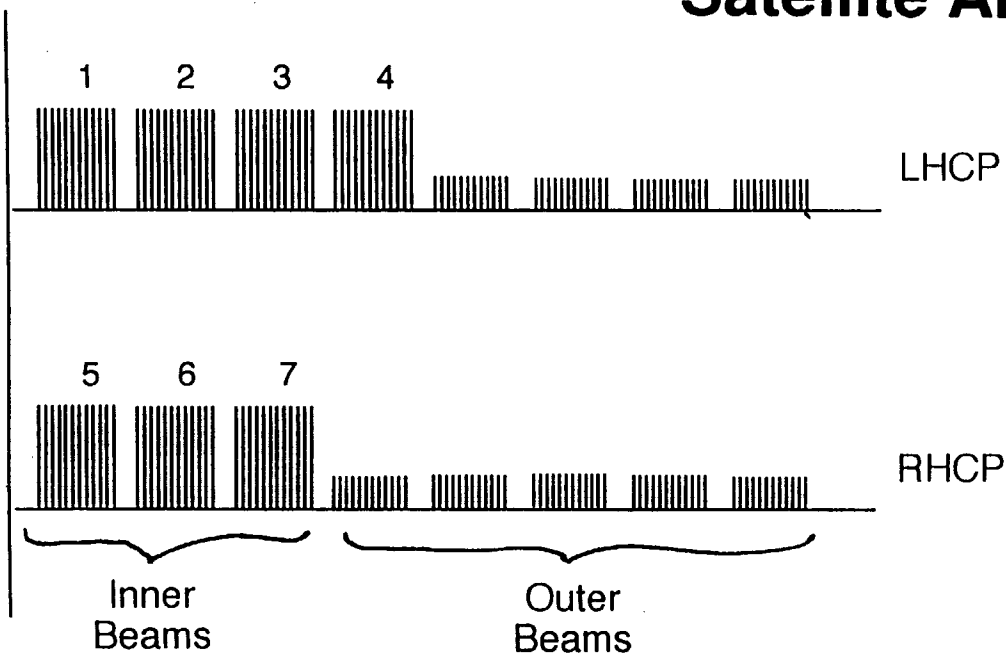


Feasibility of NGSO/MSS Uplinks in the 4600-4800 MHz Band

- **Few U.S. gateways are necessary and are easy to coordinate**
- **Uplink sites can be chosen to alleviate interference situations; if necessary, shielding can be implemented to further improve sharing**
- **C/I values are similar to those calculated for private microwave; OFS stations can be easily protected**

Coordination Flexibility with Multibeam Satellite Antennas

Lower
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Edge

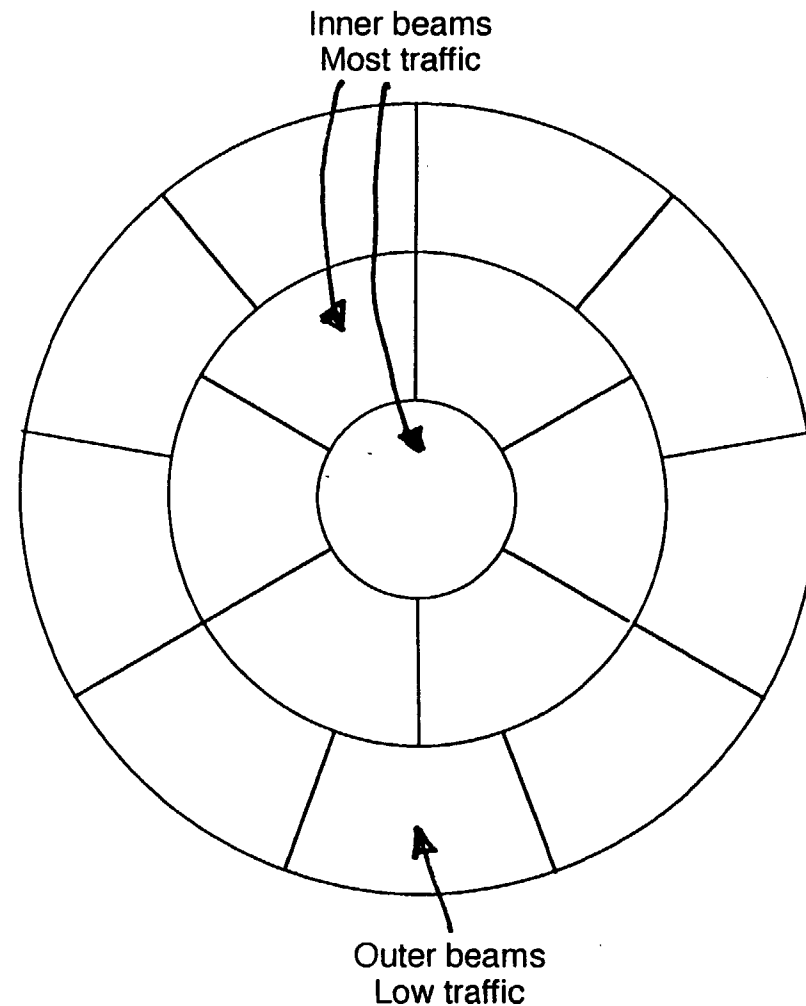


Assumed for
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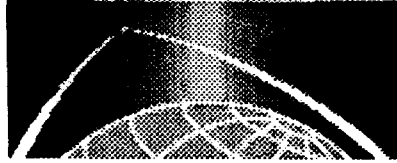


Coordination
flexibility
with fixed
terminal

Feature available
in both directions



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GSO/FSS & NGSO/MSS Feederlink Sharing

Studies conducted indicate the following:

- **Feederlinks are operated in reverse-band mode, requirements of RR 2613 are easily met by operating feeder E/S antennas above 10 deg elevation; no special features are required in S/C**
- **Satellite-to-satellite interference not a problem**

CURRENT USAGE OF C-BAND (Results of Survey)

	3400	3625	4200	4500	4800	5000	5150	5216	5250	5850	6425	6850	6725	7025	7075
FSS USAGE	FSS = 225 EXTENSION URS DOMSATS PAC RIM	FSS = 575 INTELSAT DOMSATS		FSS = 300 PLAN FSS		FSS (RR797)	RDSS		FSS = 575 INTELSAT DOMSATS	FSS = 225 EXTENSION URS DOMSATS PAC RIM	FSS = 75 URS DOMSAT NO DOWNLINK	FSS = 300 PLAN FSS	FSS = 50 NO DOWNLINK		
TERRESTRIAL ALLOCATION	R1 R2 R3	FIXED Mobile	FIXED Mobile	FIXED Mobile	FIXED MOBILE	AERONAUTICAL RADIO NAVIGATION			F M R	FIXED MOBILE					
PROPOSED LQSS OPTIONS	OPT 1 OPT 2 OPT 3 OPT 4 OPT 5 OPT 6				↑ 200 ↑ 200 ↑ 200				6525	↑ 200 ↑ 200 ↑ 200	100 mhz 250 mhz	↓ 150			
REALLOCATION USA		3650 3700 M		4635 4660 4685 E	GVMT FIXED (LIGHT)	MLS FAA	FUTURE TOWR ADS		5975	Cmn Carry (MCI, ATT, WTC)	TEMP	OPERATIONAL FIXED (PUB SAFETY, RR, OIL) (DISPLACED PCS, CELLULAR)	BCST AUX STL & ENG		
FRANCE		AWAC's Secondary URS DOMSAT PAC. RIM		MILITARY MOBILE & FIXED						LIGHTLY USED BY INTELSAT URS DOMSAT PAC. RIM	NOT USED BY INTELSAT (May be good MSS band)	LARGELY UNUSED (May be good MSS band)	NOT USED BY INTELSAT (May be good MSS band)		
UK		Allocated to BT Managed by them	Allocated to Military in UK Managed by them						Heavy use in UK	Allocated to BT Managed by them					
KOREA		About 10 FSS sites in UK		Fixed Public FSS Planned (Heavy)	FIXED TV RELAY (Aux)				FIXED Public FSS Uplink (Heavy)	FIXED Public (Heavy)	FIXED Public (Heavy)	FIXED Public (Heavy)			
CANADA				High Capacity Fixed Digital Light Usage					Analog Fixed (Heavy)	10-30 MHz Medium Capacity Fixed	TV Studio Links		Mobile Studio to Studio Links Temporary Restoration		
MEXICO				Fixed Pt to Pt Interconnection of Cities Telephone Services						Fixed Pt to Pt Multi Ch. Telephony Long Lines					
CEPT				Military Tactical Compatible Electronic News Gathering Commercial Use	AERO-NAV (MLS)	5150 R-LANS			High Density Fixed Pt to Pt	High and Medium Capacity Fixed Proposing FSS uplinks from 6425 to 6725 MHz Follows CCIR Rpt 384					

USAGE NOTES AND COMMENTS

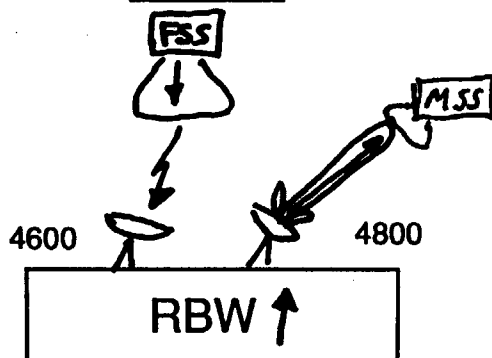
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IN FSS ALLOCATION BANDS

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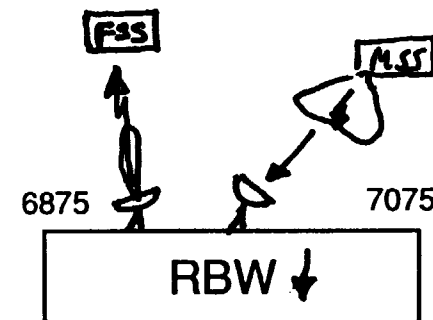
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 - Calculations show acceptable values
 - No FSS coordination
- UPLINK GOORDINATION WITH GOVERNMENT SERVICES
 - Lightly used
 - Site location Flexibility
 - No FSS Coordination

UPLINKS



USA = GOVT (50 MHZ REALLOCATION)
 CAN = PT - PT FIXED
 MEX = PT - PT FIXED
 CEPT = MIXED USAGE
 KOREA = PT - PT FIXED

DOWNLINKS

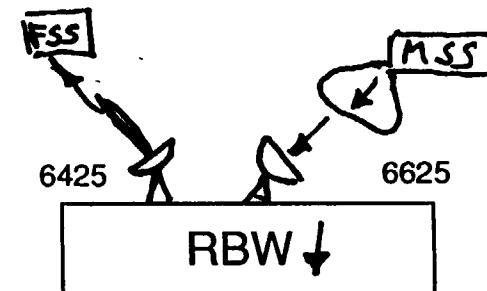


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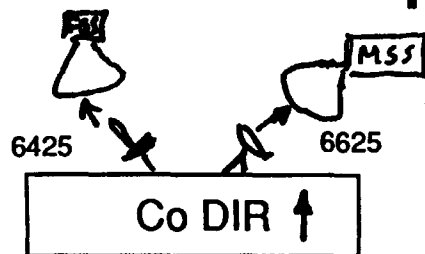
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PROPOSED C-BAND OPTIONS IN FSS ALLOCATION BANDS

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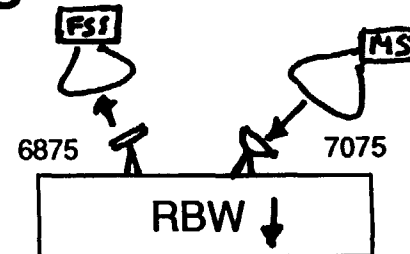


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- UPLINK COORDINATION WITH INTELSAT AND DOMSATS
 - FSS into MSS
 - MSS into FSS

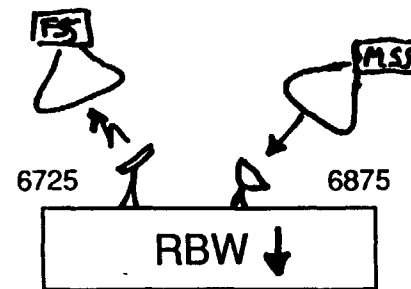
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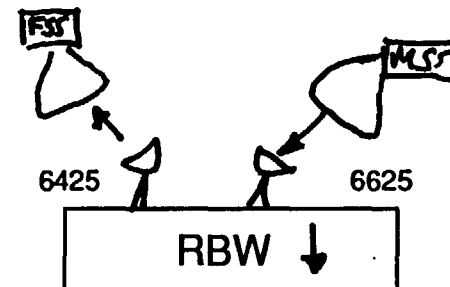
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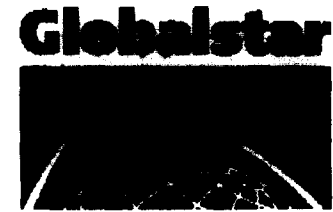
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 - FSS into MSS
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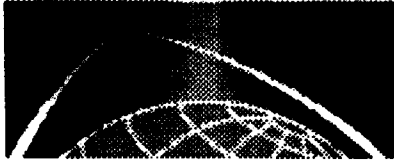
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Band Analysis (1)



- **Downlink**
 - Best choice: 200 MHz between 6875 and 7075 MHz
 - International usage is low
 - FSS sharing eased in the FSS allotment plan band
 - Aux-broadcast video signal least susceptible to interference
 - Reverse band operation
 - Other choices available between 6425-6875 MHz

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Band Analysis (2)

- **Uplink**
 - Best Choice: 200 MHz between 4600-4800 MHz
 - 50 MHz identified for commercial usage by NTIA
 - FSS Allotment Plan (1988) allocated band for FSS downlink worldwide
 - Narrow beam uplinks can be coordinated with the lightly used government services
 - » Total U.S. assignments 1582, mostly in California, Nevada, Arizona
 - » Remainder distributed thinly over U.S.A.
 - No co-directional sharing with FSS required